

REMARKS:

The Examiner is thanked for the Office Action of June 30, 2004. Claims 1-52 were rejected as claiming the same invention as that of claims 1-52 of U.S. Patent No. 6,709,238. In response, Applicant has amended claims 1, 18, 20, 41, 44, 45, 48 and 49. Claims 16-17 and 43 have been canceled without prejudice. No new matter has been added. Applicant submits that claims 1-15, 18-42, and 44-52 are patentably distinguishable from the claims in the '238 patent.

Claims 53, 55 and 57 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness type double patenting over various claims in the '238 patent. The Examiner objected to claims 54 and 56 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Applicant submits herewith a terminal disclaimer to obviate the double patenting rejection. Accordingly, Applicant submits that these rejections and objections may now be withdrawn.

In light of the amendments herein, as well as the terminal disclaimer submitted herewith, Applicant submits that all pending claims are now in condition for allowance. The fee for the terminal disclaimer submission is enclosed. It is believed that no other fees are due at this time. Should that determination be incorrect, then please debit Account No. 50-0548 and notify the undersigned.

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